Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for interrupting power to at least one peripheral device upon the extinguishing of power to a primary device, the system comprising:

a computer that receives electrical energy from an external electrical energy source;

a power strip having at least one switched outlet adapted to receive an electrical power cord plug from the at least one peripheral device;

a 5 Volt power tap ~~voltage sensing device~~ that detects the presence of an operating voltage of the computer, the operating voltage being less than a voltage associated with power supplied by the external electrical energy source; and

a switch, coupled to the 5 Volt power tap ~~voltage sensing device~~, for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from the external electrical energy source to the at least one switched outlet upon sensing the presence or the absence, respectively, of the operating voltage of the computer from the 5 Volt power tap ~~voltage sensing device~~.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a female DIN mouse socket of the computer.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a female DIN keyboard socket of the computer.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a female DIN socket associated with a PC model XT or AT.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with the computer.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with a universal serial bus hub.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with a front USB hub.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with a USB/hub splitter for a notebook PC.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A system for interrupting power to at least one secondary device upon the extinguishing of power to a primary device, the primary device receiving electrical energy from an external electrical energy source, the system comprising:

a power strip having at least one switched outlet adapted to receive an electrical power cord plug from the at least one secondary device;

a 5 Volt power tap ~~voltage sensing device~~ that detects the presence of an operating voltage of the primary device, the operating voltage being less than a voltage associated with power supplied by the external electrical energy source; and

a switch, coupled to the 5 Volt power tap ~~voltage sensing device~~, for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from the external electrical energy source to the at least

one switched outlet upon sensing the presence or the absence, respectively, of the operating voltage of the primary device from the 5 Volt power tap ~~voltage sensing device~~.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the primary device is a computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a female DIN mouse socket of the ~~personal~~ computer.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the primary device is a computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a female DIN keyboard socket of the ~~personal~~ computer.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the primary device is a model XT or AT personal computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a female DIN socket associated with the primary device.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the primary device is a computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with the computer.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with a universal serial bus hub.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with a front USB hub.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10 [[11]], wherein the primary device is a notebook PC and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the switch to a USB female socket associated with a USB/hub splitter for the notebook PC.

Claim 19 (original): A system for interrupting power to peripheral devices upon the extinguishing of power to a personal computer, the personal computer having a central processing unit and a power supply associated therewith, and a power cord connected to the power supply for providing electrical energy to the central processing unit, the system comprising:

a power strip having at least one unswitched and at least one switched socket, each adapted to receive a standard electrical power cord plug;

means for sensing the presence of a low voltage signal from the personal computer;

a synchronous transfer switch connected to the means for sensing for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from an electrical energy source to the switched outlets upon the sensing of the presence or the absence, respectively, of the low voltage signal from the means for sensing;

said power cord electrically connected to one of the at least one unswitched outlets of the power strip; and

wherein the means for sensing comprises a low voltage power tap which includes a cable for electrically connecting the synchronous transfer switch with a female DIN socket associated with the personal computer and with a female USB connector associated with the personal computer.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method for causing at least one secondary device to become energized and de-energized substantially simultaneously with a primary device through the use of an electrical power strip device of the type having at least one switched outlet adapted to receive an electrical power cord plug, a 5 Volt ~~voltage~~ power tap for sensing the presence or absence of an operating voltage of the primary device, and a switch connected to the 5 Volt ~~voltage~~ power tap for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from an external electrical energy source to the at least one switched outlet upon sensing the presence or the

absence, respectively, of the operating voltage from the 5 Volt ~~voltage~~ power tap, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting at least one secondary device to the at least one switched outlet; and

coupling the switch to the 5 Volt ~~voltage~~ power tap such that when the primary device is de-energized and the 5 Volt ~~voltage~~ power tap is not supplying any voltage to the switch, the switch will be open to prevent current from passing to the at least one secondary device, and when the primary device is energized and the 5 Volt ~~voltage~~ power tap is supplying a voltage of approximately 5 Volts ~~that is greater than zero, but less than a voltage of the external electrical energy source~~, the switch will close so as to permit power to pass through the at least one switched outlet to the at least one secondary device.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the power strip further includes at least one unswitched outlet that is not supplied or deprived electrical energy by the switch.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The system of claim 21, wherein the computer further includes a power cord that couples the external electrical energy source to the computer and wherein the power cord of the computer is adapted to be plugged into the at least one unswitched outlet of the power strip.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the switch comprises one of a synchronous transfer switch and a relay.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The system of claim 10, wherein the power strip further includes at least one unswitched outlet that is not supplied or deprived electrical energy by the switch.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The system of claim 10 [[21]], wherein the switch comprises one of a synchronous transfer switch and a relay.